

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 9-11 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS OBJECTIONS

The specification and Claim 7 and 8 stand objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has amended the specification and claims according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2 and 7-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shuert (U.S. Pat. No. 5,843,366)). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

At the outset, Applicant wishes to note that Claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled and Claim 2 has been amended in accordance with comments from the Examiner and is believed to overcome the present rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shuert. Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shuert in view of Chun et al.. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

At the outset, Claim 5 has been amended in accordance with comments from the Examiner and is believed to overcome the present rejection. Additionally, Claim 6 depends from Claim 5 and is believed to overcome the rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejections are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1 and 3-4 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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